

THE FILIPINO CENTRE TORONTO:

ROSALINDA C. JAVIER
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARDS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**MARY ANN SAN JUAN,
PRESIDENT & CEO**

As President & CEO of the Filipino Centre Toronto, and on behalf of its Officers and Directors, I am extremely proud and pleased to welcome you all here to our "2020 Outstanding Students Awards and Recognition" event. Today's gathering is a very special occasion for all of us including students, youth, parents, guests, and other members of the Filipino Canadian community, albeit with health and safety restrictions.

As you all know, this will be one of our welcome events this year due to the coronavirus pandemic crisis. I am sorry for this unfortunate situation that delays even most of our usual community-focused service programs and projects. Nevertheless, as we all recover from this precarious condition, the Filipino Centre Toronto is more than happy and prepared to resume and reinstitute its well-admired community activities as soon as possible. This "14th Annual Outstanding Student Recognition" activity is one of them, and hopefully, other worthwhile initiatives in the near future.

As we celebrate and honour our outstanding Filipino Canadian students-graduates for achieving academic excellence and exemplary performance in their studies, we likewise congratulate their parents, families, and mentors for having successfully guided and supported their children in their well-being, in demonstrating individual accomplishments, and in engaging productively in community endeavours.



We at the Filipino Centre Toronto, are doubly proud indeed to continue with the established mission and mandate of this 21-year old service-focused, volunteer-run community organization that our founders, organizers, supporters, and stakeholders have envisioned to meet through our well-defined community-based programs. Along the process, we appreciate the many contributions of many people and we recognize and understand the many challenges in pursuing our goal and determination to create a better, more impactful community hub.

We value the opportunity to meaningfully share with you the immeasurable demonstration of joy and excitement, which all of us expect from this event and other community-wide activities. Once again, my warmest congratulations to all the award recipients and convey our profound thank yous to our guests, parents, fellow officers, and supporters for their presence as well, to the "Rosalinda C. Javier Outstanding Students Awards" Committee for a job well done!

OSA CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

**TONY A. SAN JUAN, OCT-RETIRED
CHAIRMAN FCT-RCJOSA COMMITTEE
CHAIR**

Mabuhay! Greetings!

Faithfully meeting its established mission and mandate, the Filipino Centre Toronto-FCT every year since 2005, proudly holds its "Outstanding Students Competition and Awards Program." This is in pursuance of its organizational goal to encourage and recognize outstanding Filipino Canadian students to perform and achieve academic excellence and success in their educational pursuits to become productive members of society.

This is the 14th season that FCT is doing this worthwhile community-wide project. Formerly known as the FCT - OSA Awards, the yearly competition is now known as the "FCT- Rosalinda C. Javier Outstanding Students Awards" in fitting honour and memory of the late Rosalinda Cerrudo Javier, former President of Filipino Centre Toronto, a former teacher and community leader.

The Awardees for 2020 represent an admirable array of recipients with enviable qualifications and distinctions in respect of their individual school performances, solid accomplishments and active engagement in their academic studies, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. . The 4 student-graduates who will be receiving citations and prizes, according to the FCT Awards Committee, have all demonstrated exceptionally well as reflected in their portfolio of academic transcripts, evidential certificates & references, and solid interview performances with characteristic admirable demeanour and patience.

As Chairman, on behalf of my colleagues in the FCT Awards Committee, I would like to warmly and heartily congratulate all the honourees, together with their parents, family, schoolmates, and friends for bringing honour and pride in themselves, their families, and to the Filipino Canadian community as a whole. I know that each awardee has performed wonderfully well and reasonably contributed to meeting meaningful expectations and continuing challenges, thence making each one an exemplary student, outstanding graduate, and responsible member of society.

My crispy salute to you all! Good luck!
God bless everyone!



PROGRAMME

- Greetings: Ms. Theresa Lumanlan, FCT Vice-President (Emcee)
- National Anthems: 'O Canada' and "Lupang Hinirang"
- Invocation: Wendy Arena, FCT Director
- Welcome Remarks: Mary Ann San Juan, FCT President/CEO
- Guest Speaker: Honourable John Tory, Mayor of Toronto
Introduced by Philip Beloso, FCT Director
- Special Greetings by Honourable Marcos Mendicino,
Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship of Canada
- Presentation of OSA Awardees: Tony A. San Juan, RCJOSA
Chairman
- Acknowledgement/ Response: Awardee Kathryn Carandang
- Closing Remarks: Efren De Villa, FCT Chairman

Photo Ops: Guests, Awardees, and Parents

*(Request: Kindly observe health and safety protocols while inside the social hall, please. Thank you.)

KATHRYN CHERMAINE CARANDANG

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD 2020



Parents: Julius Tibayan Carandang and Isabelita Quita Orense

School: Saint Paul Catholic High School, Niagara Catholic District School Board

University: Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

Degree: Honours Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences, FCS.

College: Niagara College, Welland, Ontario

Diploma: Social Service Program

HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

Honours Bachelor of Science degree with First Class Standing

Dean's Honours List (four academic years)

High School Proficiency Award (90% average and above)

University Level Intensive French Award

REACH Most Valuable Player -MVP

COMMUNITY

INVOLVEMENT/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

High School: Kiwanis Key Club Officer, Student Tutor

Badminton, Volleyball, Dodgeball Intramural Player
REACH Team Leader

Saint Paul Catholic God's Group Member

University: Student Tutor, Peer Tutoring Program,
Niagara College Libraries, Online Crisis Responder,
Distress Centre Niagara Remote, Pharmacist
Assistant, Loblaws- Fort Erie, Pharmacist Assistant,
Walmart-Niagara Falls

CHLOE EUNICE G. PANGANIBAN

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD 2020



Parents: Christian Panganiban and Evan Panganiban
School: St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School,
TCDSB

Current School: University of Toronto, Downtown
Campus, Toronto.

Goal: Enrolled in the Life Science Program pursuing
Medical Studies and Global Health Sciences.

HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

Elementary School Multiple Virtues of the Month
Awards

Joe Comper Citizen Award

Consistent Honour Roll

Academic Excellence in Business, French, Geography,
AP English, Religion, PHE

Ontario Scholar

Victoria College Laure Rièse Award

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Council Class Representative

TCDSB Elementary Student Leadership Impact Team
Member

Grade 9 Summer Transition Program Teacher's
Assistant,

School Mentoring Program Member

Parent Council Student Representative

Executive Student Council Officer and President

Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team Faith
Ambassador, and Director.

TCDSB Filipino Advisory Committee and Safe Schools
Advisory Committee Student Representative

Parish Church Usher and Toronto Homeless Shelters
Volunteer

Sports, Travel, and Music Enthusiast

ANGELICA KAYLEE D. TAIT

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD 2020



Parents: lean Tait and Josie Dela Cruz-Tait

School: The Country Day Private School

Current School: The University of Ottawa, School of Environmental Studies

Goal: To complete my degree program in Environmental Studies and become a leader in the environment field.

HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

Ontario Scholar Distinction Graduate Recipient

Community Regatta Competition Third Place Winner,

CPR Bronze Medallion and General Safety Training Certificate,

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System Training

Pleasure Craft Licensee

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Seniors Home and Hospital Program Volunteer

The Country Day School, King City - Summer Camp Volunteer

Aurora Tennis, Aurora - Tennis Tournament Volunteer

Kawartha Highland Provincial Parks Volunteer

Emerald Hills, Stouffville - Turf Department Golf Course Preparation Volunteer

Smart Solution, Aurora - Office Organization and Advertisement Aid Volunteer

Wildlife-Australia Fundraising School Organizer

Hobbies and interests include horseback riding, outdoor (camping, hiking & nature walk), and water activities(swimming, canoeing, kayaking, snowmobiling)

JOHN LENNARD DULIN

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD 2020



Parents: Leonardo Dulin and Wilma Dulin

School: St. Louis University High School(Cagayan) /
Iona Catholic Secondary School-DPCDSB

Current School: University of Toronto, Downtown
Campus, Toronto.

Goal: I hope to become a successful Public
Accountant and Financial Investment Advisor

HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

Consistent Grades 1 to 6 Honour Roll Lister

Grades 7 & 8 Academic Recognition -Blue and
White Cards Awardee

High School Academic Excellence-With High
Honours Awardee

Grade 11 Dolphin Award Honouree

Grade 11 Physics Academic Excellence Awardee

Grade 11 Mathematics Functions Academic
Excellence Awardee

Grade 12 Dolphin Award Honouree

Tan Greco Memorial Award

Ontario Scholar

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

High School Team Basketball Player

School Mathematics Peer Tutor and Volunteer

Grade 12 Accounting-Investment Strategies Program
Challenge Participant

West Oakville Preschool Community Volunteer

Strides for Melanoma-Walk Run Volunteer

IFUN Newcomer Program Peer Leader -Volunteer

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FCT'S RCJ-OSA

During a chance meeting one summer in 2004 at the Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT), three like-minded educators briefly debated the idea broached by retired schoolteacher Aida Elago-D'Orazio of conferring citations to honour top deserving Filipino-Canadian students in the community. Sharing their thoughts and agreeing to the proposal, they decided to initiate and pursue a student recognition endeavour. Thus the FCT Outstanding Student Awards project was born. The tatlong butihing guro were FCT's director and PR Aida D'Orazio, Former FCT President and a retired Dufferin-Peel Catholic School District School Board teacher, Rosalina C. Javier (RIP) and FCT Member and former Toronto District School Board member Tony A. San Juan.

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--encourage and challenge students to achieve academic success and develop their potential to become productive members of society.

The first and original members of OSA were A. Elago-D'Orazio (Chair), Rosalinda Javier (Co-Chair), Victor Agaton, Jocelyn Huang, Tony A. San Juan, Luchi Servilla and Herman Vilorio who all served from 2005-2014. Mary Ann S. San Juan became Chairperson from 2015 to 2017 and Tony A. San Juan heads the OSA Committee as Chairman since 2017.

Since the award programs inception, the FCT through its Outstanding Student Awards (OSA) Committee has selected and awarded a total of 124 honourees, broken down as follows: elementary category - 57; high school level - 50; and post-secondary tier - 17. FCT only started awarding top post-secondary graduates in 2012. Honourees are presented with coveted Trophies or Plaques of Recognition and cash prizes solicited from generous and notable leaders, professionals, families and businesses in the Filipino Community.

History continued...

In 2016 and 2017 there were no awardees as FCT put the OSA program on hold due to the focus and attention given to the engagements involved in the sale of the old FCT Parliament Street-building and the attendant transfer and transition challenges in the newly purchased Scarborough site.

Known presently as the “Rosalinda C. Javier Outstanding Students Awards”, the competition was named after the late President & CEO of the Filipino Centre Toronto. The yearly search is continuously on track and the Awards Committee is fully determined at inspiring students of Filipino descent to aspire and study rightfully in order to accomplish good things and win academic distinctions that their parents, siblings and loved ones will be proud of. More than half of the previous awardees are currently pursuing high school and university studies and/or working successfully as professionals in their respective careers and disciplines.

By: Tony A. San Juan

AWARDS CRITERIA

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The honourees of the annual competitive search are selected by members of a five-person judging panel who are leading members of the FilCan Community. Awardees are judged based on a structured evaluation rubrics and weighed in against four main criteria:

1. Academic Grades Average - 50%
2. Extracurricular Activities - 15%
3. Community Involvement - 15%
4. Personal Interview - 20%

PAST AWARDEES

Elementary Graduates

- 2005: Sean Amog, Karla Louise Nisperos, Nikki Policarpio, Kamille Bautista, Jerrica Tyrene Paez, Lilia Anne San Juan and Mark Sotto
- 2006: Eul Gaviel Basa and Kimberly Finuliar-Beckford
- 2007: May-Janelle Berte and FAYANNE Dixie Huang
- 2008: Ella Gianina Gonzales, Christian Niklaus Rollan and Aiza Zablan
- 2009: Jessica Carino Champion, Bryan Oliver Chavez, Charmaine de Castro, Abigail De la Cruz, Alexandra De la Cruz, Jeunice Vianca Evangelista, Nicole Nalani Pearl Gumapac, Gunize Lao, Anne Claudine Nadas, Paul Alfredson Reyes and Leilani Samocino
- 2010: Gian Rufus Agtarap, Melissa Ayisi, Jerise Victoria De Guzman, Joseph Jan Fabie Trinidad, Maria Camille Mendoza, Yca Meriel and Maria Beatrice Serdon
- 2011: Doris Maria Theresa Adao, Mariah Tabios and Sean Tengco Reloza
- 2012: Caroline Marie Moday and Nathan James Nagallo
- 2013: Rachel Banaag, Micah Erin De Lara, Czarielle De la Cruz, Jericson Philip Gagatiga, Selina Quibraltar and Jason Samocino
- 2014: Jasmin Santos Bouckley, Krista Elisha Chavez, Cassidy Nicole Ravago, Gien Mariel Santos
- 2015: Jensine Kerr Aure, Naomi Grace Joson and Jarred Laganas
- 2018: Jacob Santos Bouckley, Maelynn Magnolia Bucao, Dannuel Matthew Santos and Kyla Marie Supat
- 2019: Gianne Esmino Mangalino

Secondary Graduates

- 2005: Michael Came and Yasmin May Tayag
- 2006: Jose Emmanuel Quiaoit and Regine Andrea Taturan
- 2007: Charisse De Castro, Ralph Fabico, Jennifer Hileman, Kimberley Milanes and Timothy Pararon
- 2008: Charmaine Lyn Candelorio, Nathan Jeshrun Eusebio, Mariyah Gonzales and Shiela Marie Posadas
- 2009: Thunder Michael Champion, Sarah Obtinalla, Mark Joseph Sotto and Vincent Valdrez

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- 2010: Marissa Goldsmith, Patrick Polvorosa, Brian Sunga and Justin Aleander Trinidad
- 2011: Sarah De Jesus, Cathleen Joya and Kathleen Ria Reloza
- 2012: Michael Dizon
- 2013: Francis Briones, Bryan Oliver Chavez, Chanelle Cosme, Ariana Mari Cuvín, Maria Relva Gaspan, Luka Clarisse Isip and Brandon Soropia
- 2014: John Frederick Cabanela, Frances Marie Way and Daniel Marco Morales
- 2015: Timothy Calupig, Julianne Daniell Clemente, Hazel Ann Zenarosa and Carel Faith Gicana
- 2018: Elyka Anne Ampio, Jasmine Santos Bouckley, Krista Elisa Chavez, Hannah Jessica Clemente, Alfonso Ralph Manalo, Katelyn Santos Quiachon and Nikki Brianne Samonte
- 2019: Lizzacris Mae Portodo
- 2020: John Lennard Dulin, Chloe Eunice Panganiban, Angelica Kaylee Tait

Post- Secondary Graduates

- 2012: Madeleine Cruz, Grisel Nagallo, Fritz Luther Pino, Stephanie Segovia and Rose Ann Torres
- 2013: Karlo Franco Azores, Charlene Campo, John Paul Catungal and Ethel Tungohan
- 2015: Monica Anne Batac, Rachel Cabunoc and Genevieve Canizares
- 2018: Marissa Largo, Mary Ann Gaytano-Santos and Charles Brian Serapio
- 2019: Jennifer De la Cruz Villafuerte
- 2020: Kathryn Chermaine Carandang

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Maraming Salamat Po!



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sa pagdalo ninyo!



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